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**Subject:** FOIA 2019-00021  
**Date:** March 27, 2019 at 10:28 AM  
**To:** foia@americanoversight.org  
**Cc:** Stubbs, Genevieve Genevieve.Stubbs@opic.gov

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Dear Mr. Evers,

OPIC's response to your FOIA request 2019-00021 is attached hereto. Please open the attached Response letter on a computer in Adobe Reader or Acrobat Professional. The records for release are attached directly to the letter and will be automatically shown in a side or bottom panel. The attachments will not appear on mobile devices and may not show in non-Adobe programs. Adobe Reader is available for free at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>. For more help on seeing attachments, refer to the document "How to access attachments."

Respectfully,  
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Response Letter  
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March 27, 2019

Mr. Austin Evers  
American Oversight  
SENT VIA E-MAIL: [foia@americanoversight.org](mailto:foia@americanoversight.org)

**RE: Acknowledgement for FOIA Request 2019-00021**

Dear Mr. Evers,

This letter is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request dated February 14, 2019 and amended on February 28, 2019. Your request has been assigned **FOIA Number 2019-00021**. Please reference this number in all correspondence concerning your request. You requested the following:

**Email communications (including emails, email attachments, and calendar invitations/entries) to, from, cc’ing, or bcc’ing email addresses with the domain name ballardfl.com from January 20, 2017 to the date of the conducted search.**

OPIC is releasing four responsive records in part. The FOIA contains nine exemptions which authorize an agency to withhold qualified information. Partial withholdings have been made pursuant to Exemption (b)(6).

Exemption (b)(6) of the FOIA protects information about individuals in “personnel and medical files and similar files” when the disclosure of such information “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) (2012). The exemption was meant to be interpreted broadly and is not tied to the label of the file containing the information. United States Department of State v. Washington Post Co., 456 U.S. 595 (1982). Exemption (b)(6) is therefore applied when the private interest in keeping personal information is greater than the public interest in disclosure. Dep’t of the Air Force v. Rose, 425 U.S. 352, 372 (1976). The only public interest relevant in a (b)(6) inquiry is the public interest in knowing what the government is up to. Dep’t of Defense v. Fed. Labor Rel’n Auth., 510 U.S. 487, 497 (1994). OPIC has withheld the direct contact information of individuals under Exemption (b)(6). This information is tied to a particular individual and allows direct access to that individual, but does not reveal any government action.

Duplication fees are not charged for this request and no fees are due for processing.

This is a final agency response. You may contact me or the FOIA Public Liaison for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about FOIA dispute resolution services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
Email: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
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If you are not satisfied with OPIC's response to this request, you may administratively appeal by addressing a written appeal to the following:

Deputy General Counsel  
Overseas Private Investment Corporation  
1100 New York Ave., N.W.—12th Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20527

Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted **within 90 days** of the date of this response to your request. Both the envelope and the letter should be marked "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT APPEAL." The appeal should clearly identify the agency determination that is being appealed and include the request number. If you are not satisfied with the results of any such appeal, judicial review is available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial districts in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

**GENEVIEVE  
STUBBS**

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**Subject:** Ray Washburne and David Bohigian Swearing-in Reception Invitation

**Date:** Friday, August 25, 2017 1:19:00 PM

**Attachments:** [Swearing-in reception invitation.pdf](#)

Please join the Washburne and Bohigian families for a reception celebrating their swearing-in as President & CEO and Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation. Invitation attached.

We hope to see you there!

**From:** [Dorney, Owen](#)  
**To:** [\(b\) \(6\)@ballardfl.com](#)  
**Subject:** Contact Information  
**Date:** Friday, September 01, 2017 12:33:00 PM

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Brian,

Great speaking with you earlier. Below is my OPIC contact information. Next time you're in DC please feel free to reach out.

Best,

Owen

**Owen Dorney**

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**From:** [Goldschmidt, Abe](#)  
**To:** [Justin Sayfie](#); [Merrick, Margaret](#)  
**Cc:** [Abe Goldschmidt](#); [Carr, Charlotte](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Connecting re: Cuba  
**Date:** Thursday, June 07, 2018 5:02:00 PM

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Great! Looking forward to it.

**From:** Justin Sayfie [mailto:(b) (6)@ballardfl.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 07, 2018 2:29 PM  
**To:** Merrick, Margaret <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** Abe Goldschmidt <(b) (6)> Goldschmidt, Abe  
<(b) (6)> Carr, Charlotte <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Connecting re: Cuba

Yes, that works for both of us. We will be there at that date and time.



On Thu, Jun 7, 2018 at 1:31 PM, Merrick, Margaret <(b) (6)> wrote:

Great! Would 7:30 AM at the Metropolitan work?

**From:** Justin Sayfie [mailto:(b) (6)@ballardfl.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 07, 2018 1:25 PM  
**To:** Merrick, Margaret <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** Abe Goldschmidt <(b) (6)> Goldschmidt, Abe  
<(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Connecting re: Cuba

Hello Margaret,

Mauricio and I are available for breakfast on the 13th with Ray and Abe. Just let us know time and location and we'll be there.

Best regards,  
Justin

On Wed, May 23, 2018 at 4:18 PM, Merrick, Margaret <(b) (6)> wrote:

Hi Justin,

I'm sorry for the delay in getting back to you. Ray is available the week of June 11<sup>th</sup>. Would you be available from breakfast on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>?

Best,  
Margaret

**From:** Abe Goldschmidt [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 04, 2018 8:35 AM  
**To:** Justin Sayfie (b) (6) @ballardfl.com>  
**Cc:** Goldschmidt, Abe <(b) (6)> Merrick, Margaret  
<(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Connecting re: Cuba

Fantastic.  
Margaret will be able to lock down the day shortly.  
Looking forward!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 4, 2018, at 07:13, Justin Sayfie (b) (6) @ballardfl.com> wrote:

Good morning Abe,

I checked with Mauricio and his schedule is very flexible the week of June 11th, so just pick a date and time and location that week that works for you and Ray, and we'll make it work.

Best,  
Justin

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 3:42 PM, Goldschmidt, Abe  
<(b) (6)> wrote:

Yes – I heard the news from Carlos Trujillo.  
Ray spent time with Carlos at Summit of the Americas and we all had dinner together last week.

**From:** Justin Sayfie [mailto:(b) (6) @ballardfl.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 3:39 PM  
**To:** Abe Goldschmidt <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** Merrick, Margaret <(b) (6)> Goldschmidt, Abe  
<(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Connecting re: Cuba

Abe,

Thankfully all is great. Assume you know that Mauricio moved over to be the Acting US Director at the IMF, so the timing is perfect for a get together. I'll check with him on the date and get back to you.

All the best,  
Justin



On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 3:23 PM, Abe Goldschmidt

<(b) (6) wrote:

Hi Justin -

Trust you are well. I was just speaking with Ray and we would love to get together with you and Mauricio for Lunch or Dinner. I know this is pretty far out, but how does the week of June 11th sound? Both Ray and I will be travelling separately during most of May.

Looking forward!

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Abe Goldschmidt

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**From:** [Sylvester Lukis](#)  
**To:** [Goldschmidt, Abe](#)  
**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Great meeting you!  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 13, 2019 12:59:43 PM

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Thanks Abe. The feeling is mutual. Don't hesitate to call if you need anything in Florida. Best of luck. Syl

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 13, 2019, at 12:57 PM, Goldschmidt, Abe <(b) (6)> wrote:

Dear Syl,

It was great meeting you with Pam and Justin last night.

I look forward to staying in touch.

Regards,  
-Abe

**Abe Goldschmidt**

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*You are cordially invited to attend  
a reception honoring  
the Swearing-in of  
Ray Willets Washburne  
as President and Chief Executive Officer  
of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation  
and David Steele Bohigian  
as Executive Vice President  
of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation*

*Tuesday, September 5, 2017  
at 5:00 in the evening*

*The Metropolitan Club  
1700 H Street Northwest  
Washington, District of Columbia 20006*

*R.S.V.P. to Margaret Merrick*

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*Please provide a response by Friday, September 1, 2017*